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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

Timothy G. DINAN et al.

Application No.: 09/687,384

Filed: October 13, 2000

For: TREATMENT AND PREVENTION
OF GASTROINTESTINAL
DISEASE USING ANTAGONISTS
OR PARTIAL AGONISTS OF
5HT1a RECEPTORS

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**SECOND AMENDMENT AND REQUEST
FOR RECONSIDERATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116**

In response to the final Office Action mailed February 26, 2004 ("final Office Action"), and the Advisory Action mailed June 1, 2004 ("Advisory Action"), Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the subject application in light of the following amendments and remarks. In a separate Petition, Applicants have requested and paid the fee for a one-month extension of time. Because June 26, 2004, is a Saturday, this response is timely filed on Monday, June 28, 2004.

Amendments to the Claims are included in this paper. **Remarks and Arguments** follow the amendment section of this paper.

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